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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Nuclear Energy Division, Office of
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SUBJECT: External Funding for Nuclear Proliferation (6.1)

1. I believe the resource package for nuclear proliferation needs to be substantially increased as a result of lessons learned from the Iraqi raid. Although we are generally in good shape on our basic understanding of third world nuclear programs we are not as well prepared to answer a myriad of technical "what if" type of questions that policymakers and congressional consumers are prone to ask in the aftermath of such events. In addition these "what if" scenarios probably should be investigated anyway as part of the need to produce credible alternative hypotheses to our "best estimates."

2. The [REDACTED] conference brought out the fact that while we devote considerable effort to the intelligence problem of acquisition of nuclear material by third world countries, we do little more than "hand wave" at the problem of estimating the capabilities of potential proliferators to carry out the sophisticated engineering development of a reliable, safe nuclear device, much less a weapon.

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3. As part of the FY 82 budget exercise about to take place in OSWR, I think you should try to put together a [REDACTED] program to

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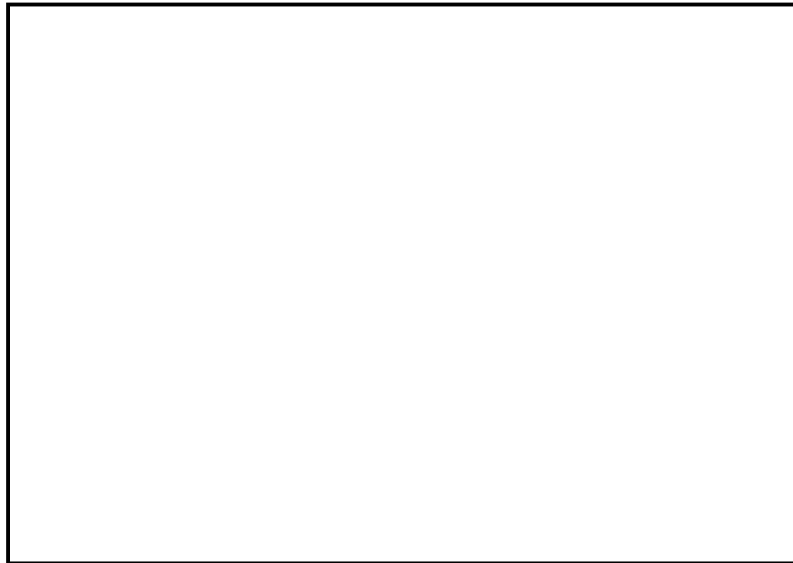
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4. Since DoE is already using LLNL in the proliferation area, you should probably consider looking elsewhere in order to avoid scrambling for the same resources.



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